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59. (New) The mutant microorganism according to claim 8, wherein said microorganism is a strain of a microorganism selected from the group consisting of *Rhodococcus*, *Rhodotorulla*, *Fusarium*, *Pseudomonas*, *Acinetobacter*, *Bacillus*, *Brevibacterium*, *Klebsiella*, *Micrococcus*, *Burkholderia*, *Corynebacterium*, *Nocardia*, *Aeromonas*, *Agrobacterium*, *Achromobacter*, *Aspergillus* and *Rhizobium*, and said microorganism has been treated with a mutagen so as to inactivate or reduce the activity of the microorganism to convert a cyano group into an amide group.

A2 60. (New) The mutant microorganism according to claim 9, wherein said microorganism has been treated with a mutagen so as to inactivate or reduce the activity of the microorganism to convert a cyano group into an amide group.

61. (New) The mutant microorganism according to claim 59 or 60, wherein said mutagen is selected from the group consisting of an alkylating agent, a nucleotide analog, an intercalating agent and ultraviolet radiation.
